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THERE FOLLOWS THE IRANIAN SUBMISSION TO THE SYG ON THIS
ISSUE:

A. WE APPROACH THE DECISIONS TO CONVENE THE SPECIAL SESSION
DEVOTED TO DISARMAMENT WITH NO ILLUSION. WE ARE COGNIZANT
OF THE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT NATURE OF THE SUBJECT MATTER AND OF THE
INHERENT COMPLEXITY OF THE ISSUES INVOLVED. WE BELIEVE THE SNAIL
PACE PROGRESS TOWARDS DISARMAMENT, IS NOT MERELY DUE TO THE LACK
OF TRYING, NOR CAN THE ABSENCE OF APPRECIABLE ADVANCE IN THIS
DIRECTION BE REASONABLY EXPLAINED BY SHEER DEFICIENCIES RELATED
TO THE MACHINERY OF DISARMAMENT. SUBSTANTIVE INTERNATIONAL ISSUES
AND ANTAGONISMS FED BY MISTRUST AND BY REAL OR PERCEIVED
INSECURITY - STIMULATE THE DRIVE FOR ARMAMENT AND WEAPON
COMPETITION WHICH IS THE HEART OF THE PROBLEM.

YET, IN THE NUCLEAR ERA, THE GROWING BURDEN AND INCREASING DAN-
GERS OF A CONTINUED ARMS RACE WITH UNTHINKABLE CONSEQUENCES ARE
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TOO FOREBODING TO BE IGNORED BY ANY RESPONSIBLE COUNTRY. THUS
IRAN GIVES ACTIVE SUPPORT FOR ALL GENUINE EFFORTS THAT ARE
INTENDED TO LEAD US ALONG THE ROAD TOWARDS DISARMAMENT, AND IN
PARTICULAR, THE DECISION TO CONVENE THE SPECIAL SESSION IN
WHICH WE HAVE PINNED CERTAIN HOPES.

IF REASONABLE SUCCESS OF THE SPECIAL SESSION IS TO BE ENSURED

METICULOUS PREPARATION IS NECESSARY. THIS, AMONG OTHER THINGS REQUIRES CARE, PATIENCE AND ALSO PERSEVERANCE, IN ORDER TO LAY THE GROUNDWORD FOR WIDESPREAD AGREEMENT ON SUCH BAISC ISSUES AS OBJECTIVES AND AGENDA. IT IS IN THIS VEIN THAT WE OFFER THE FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS.

2. AMONG THE MANY DIVERSE IDEAS SUGGESTED TO JUSTIFY THE CONVOCA-TION OF THIS SPECIAL SESSION DEVOTED TO DISARMAMENT, A NUMBER HAS EMERGED AS BROADLY ACCEPTABLE THEMES EMBODYING THE GOALS OF THIS SESSION. THE SPECIAL SESSION SHOULD ACCORDINGLY:

A) PROVIDE A VANTAGE POINT TO BRING ALL STATES TOGETHER, TO UNDERTAKE A GENUINE DISCUSSION OF GLOBAL DISARMAMENT

B). PROVIDE A FORCEFUL AND FRESH IMPETUS TO ALL DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS.

C). GENERATE PUBLIC INTERESTS AND OPINION, THROUGH THE PRO-VISONS OF RELIABLE INFORMATION OF THE (I) PRESENT SITUATION IN THE FIELD OF DISARMAMENT (II) CONSEQUENCES OF AN ARMS RACE, (III) MEASURES TO BE UNDERTAKEN TO SLOW AND, IF POSSIBLE, EVENTUALLY ARREST ARMAMENTS.

D). REASSERT THE UNITED NATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES AND DECLININ INFLUENCE IN THIS VITAL FIELD. AND REJECT THE THESIS THAT IT IS THE PREROGATIVE OF SUPERPOWERS WHICH POSSESS THE MORE DEADLY PARAPHERNALIA OF WAR.

3. IF THE SPECIAL SESSION IS TO ACHIEVE THE PRECEDING GOALS, IT IS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IMPERATIVE THAT IT SHOULD EMBODY THE FOLLOWING GUIDLINES:

A). GIVEN THE MULTIPLICITY AND THE COMPLEXITY OF THE ISSUES INVOLVED AND GENERAL GOALS TO BE ACHIEVED IN A RELATIVELY SHORT SPAN OF TIME THE SPECIAL SESSION SHOULD BEST ACT AS A DELIBERATIVE BODY - ALBEIT POSSESSING SPECIAL CHARACTER. THUS, IT HAS TO PERFORM A TWO-FOLD RESPONSIBILITY. IT MUST ON THE ONE HAND, PROVIDE DYNAMIC CONTINUTIY WITH ONGOING DELIBERATIVE ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT WITHIN THE EXISTING MACHINERY OF DIS-ARMAMENT, WHILST ON THE OTHER HAND EMBARK AT CHARTING OUT A FUTURE COURSE OF ACTION WHICH COULD LEAD THE WAY IN FOLLOW UP NEGOTIATIONS.

IT IS TO BE EMPHASIZED, HOWEVER, THE SPECIAL SESSION SHOULD IN PURSUANCE OF THE FIRST ASPECT OF ITS PRESUMED RESPONSIBILITY, AVOID SIMPLY DUPLICATING WHAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE FIRST COMMITTEE PRODUCE IN THEIR ANNUAL DEBATES. THE SPECIAL SESSION'S EYE ON THE FUTURE COURSE OF ACTION AS THE OTHER ASPECTS OF ITS RESPONSIBILITY SUGGESTS - SHOULD NOT IMPART THE IMPRESSION

THAT IT BE NECESSARILY INVOLVED IN PRACTICAL NEGOTIATIONS
ON COLLATERAL DISARMAMENT ISSUES.

B). IF ONE ASSERTIVE FEATURE OF THE SPECIAL SESSION, BEARING
ON THE GLOBAL NATURE OF DISARMAMENT, WERE TO BE MANIFESTED BY
SERIOUS INVOLVEMENT OF SMALL AND MEDIUM SIZE COUNTRIES IN
THE PROCESS OF DISARMAMENT DISCUSSION, IT IS EVEN MORE
ESSENTIAL THAT ALL NUCLEAR AND MILITARILY SIGNIFICANT
STATES ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE. THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS
FLOWS LOGICALLY FROM ONE OF THE BASIC THEMES OF THE SESSION.

C). THE MOBILIZATION OF WORLD PUBLIC OPINION, IS YET ANOTHER
CENTRAL AIM OF THE SPECIAL SESSION. THIS BRINGS INTO FOCUS THE ROLE
THE NGOS ARE UNIQUELY QUALIFIED TO PLAY. IT IS OF CARDINAL IM-
PORTANCE THAT SPECIFIC AND EXPLICIT PROVISIONS BE MADE SO AS TO
BENEFIT FROM THE VALUABLE INPUT OF NGOS AND OTHER RESPONSIBLE
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STATES OF THE SPECIAL SESSION.

4. THE AGENDA OF THE SPECIAL SESSION SHOULD BE RESPONSIVE TO AND
CONSISTENT WITH THESE ABOVE MENTIONED OBJECTIVES. IT MUST, AT THE
SAME TIME, BE ATTUNED TO THE PARTICULARITIES ENVISAGED FOR THIS
SPECIAL GATHERING.

A BROAD ENOUGH AGENDA ALLOWING FOR DISCUSSION AND
CONSIDERATION OF BASIC ASPECTS OF ARMS CONTROL SEEMS NECESSARY.
IT IS HOWEVER, DESIRABLE THAT IT BE COMPRISED OF AN AGREED LIST OF
PRIORITY ITEMS THAT EMBODY CRITICAL ISSUES OF DISARMAMENT.

TO EMPHASIZE THE DELIBERATIVE FEATURE OF THE SPECIAL SESSION THE
AGENDA SHOULD FOCUS ON MAPPING A GENERAL, THEORETICAL STRATEGY
TO BRING ABOUT A FUTURISTIC OUTLOOK OF THIS IMPORTANT UNDERTAK-
ING, THE AGENDA SHOULD, ALSO BE CLEARLY GEARED, IN PART
TO PRODUCE ACTION-ORIENTED DECISIONS.

TO SUMMARIZE, THE AGENDA OF THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHOULD BE DRAWN UP ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES:

A). REVIEW AND ASSESSMENT OF BASIC ASPECTS AND PRINCIPAL
ASSUMPTIONS:

B). CONCISE AND SYSTEMATIC EVALUATION OF THE PRESENT STATE
OF AFFAIRS:

C). CONSIDERATION OF FUTURE OUTLOOK WITH A VIEW TO CHARTING
A PROGRAM OF ACTION BASED ON PRIORITY ISSUES:

D). A REVIEW OF DISARMAMENT MECHANISMS IN ORDER TO MAKE

THEM MORE CONSISTENT WITH PRESENT REALITIES AND RESPONSIVE
TO FOLLOW-UP RESPONSIBILITIES.

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